

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Scott Mandrell and Larry McClain's dedication and devotion to re-creating history by re-enacting the military expedition of Lewis and Clark, has made them a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Scott and Larry have devoted many years of their lives by learning, living, teaching and re-enacting the Lewis and Clark voyage of 200 years ago; and,

Whereas, Scott and Larry's untiring leadership and tenacious hard work will guide them on a successful journey of over 8,000 miles, exploring the North American continent from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean by way of the Missouri and Columbia Rivers; and,

Whereas, Scott and Larry are educating thousands of South Dakotans of President Jefferson's efforts and dreams that made it possible to open the Northwest Passage for trade across land newly acquired under the Louisiana Purchase, land at that time which was unknown to European civilization; and,

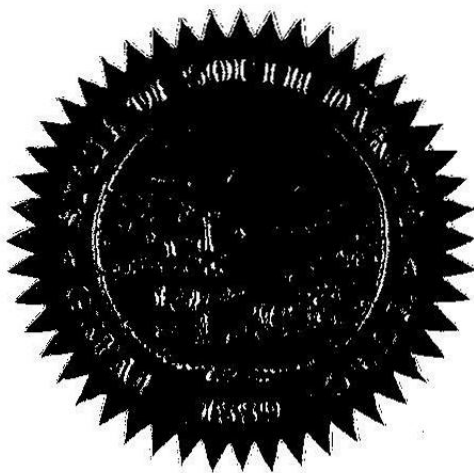
Whereas, Scott and Larry are members of the National Guard and have shown their loyalty, courage and commitment to duty by displaying the importance of the citizen soldier, and how the militia of 200 years ago played such an important role in shaping our nation; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Scott Mandrell and Larry McClain for their dedicated and outstanding service to the state of South Dakota and to this country:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 22, 2004, through October 14, 2004, as

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in South Dakota, and I call upon the citizens of South Dakota to join me in wishing Scott Mandrell, Larry McClain and all the Corps of Discovery re-enactors well in their bicentennial expedition through South Dakota as they live and tell the story of our heritage of 200 years ago.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Nineteenth Day of August in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:
Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State